



Friends of Pontoosuc Lake

Pontoosuc Lake News Bulletin

LAKE REFILL UNDERWAY DAM IS NEARING COMPLETION

Friends of Pontoosuc have been meeting with DCR's construction management team since the inception of the dam rebuilding project. As of the end of April we are issuing the following report.

DCR has taken action to raise the lake to its normal level even though work still needs to be done on the gate that controls flow under Hancock Road (the lower gate). The old gate has been removed and a new gate is being fabricated. Stoplogs have been installed to keep water out of the well containing the lower gate, and the lake can be filled to the normal spillway level even though the lower gate is not in place. The lake is rising, and if we get the rain forecasted for this week, the lake will be filled to spillway crest level by next weekend (May 13-14). The spillway level of the new dam is the same as that of the old dam, so this means a normal full lake level.

The new gate will be installed in late May or early June. It is unclear whether the lake will need to be lowered for this work, but if so, it will be only a few inches, and should not interrupt our early summer lake activities. The good news is that the construction of the dam structure is on schedule and when the work on the lower gate is completed, the dam will be fully operational, and will provide many years of safe and effective control of the lake level.

To get a more complete and up to date progress report, attend the May 16th 7pm annual meeting at ITAM.

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THE NEW PONTOOSUC DAM



FRIENDS OF PONTOOSUC LAKE

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MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

**FRIENDS OF PONTOOSUC
ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 16, 2006; 7:00 PM
ITAM LODGE ON THE LAKE**

**GET AN UPDATE ON
STATUS OF THE LAKE,
DAM REPAIR, LAKE OWN-
ERSHIP,, WEED CONTROL,
WATER QUALITY, AND
MORE**

**SPRING LAKE CLEAN-UP
JUNE 9-11**

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

**HERBICIDE WEED CONTROL
FOR PONTOOSUC LAKE**

**JUNE 20 AT 7:00 PM
ITAM LODGE ON THE LAKE**

**WHAT IS OUR BEST OPTION?
DR. KEN WAGNER FROM
ENSR CORP WILL ANSWER
OUR QUESTIONS**

**A PUBLIC FORUM TO INFORM
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

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REALLY BIG FISH

WORLD RECORD FISH!

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LAKE ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

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